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1. IN PRESS ARTICLES PUBLISHED OVER THE WEEKEND, ING. JORGE CENDEJAS QUESADA, DIRECTOR GENERAL DE AERONAUTICAL CIVIL, REPORTEDLY STATED THAT AT THE UPCOMING CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS MEXICO WILL DEMAND OF THE USG THAT AIR SERVICE BE INITIATED ON NINE ROUTES AWARDED UNDER THE EXISTING ACCORD AND ON WHICH THE CAB HAS YET TO DESIGNATE CARRIERS. HE IDENTIFIED ONLY ONE - THE CARGO ROUTE FROM FLORIDA POINTS TO YUCATAN CITIES AND BEYOND TO SOUTH AMERICA; THE REMAINING EIGHT ARE PASSENGER ROUTES. HE MENTIONED BRANIFF, EASTERN AND AMERICAN AS POSSIBLE CANDIDATES TO BE ASSIGNED THE ROUTES.

2. WITH RESPECT TO CHARTERS INTO MEXICO, CENDEJAS STRESSED THAT SUCH FLIGHTS WERE NOT BEING RESTRICTED, POINTING OUT THAT NEARLY 800 CHARTERS HAVE OPERATED TO DATE AND IT IS ESTIMATED THE TOTAL FOR THE YEAR WILL BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 2,500 FLIGHTS OR A FIGURE COMPARABLE TO 1976. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOM WAS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE CHARTERS TO SUCH NEW MEXICAN TOURIST CENTERS AS CANCUN, ZIHUATANEJO/IXTAPA, SAN JOSE DEL CABO, CABO SAN
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LUCAS, PUERTA VALLARTA, MAZATLAN, GUADALAJARA, GUAYMAS, LA PAZ, AND OAXACA BESIDES THE MORE TRADITIONAL POINTS OF ACAPULCO, MERIDA, COZUMEL AND ISLAS MUJERES. CENDEJAS DENIED THE GOM HAS REFUSED AUTHORIZATION TO WORLD AIRWAYS TO FLY CHARTERS INTO MEXICO. WHAT HAS HAPPENED, HE DECLARED, IS THAT WORLD AIRWAYS HAS NOT RECEIVED AS OF YET THE NECESSARY AUTHORIZATION FROM THE CAB. AS SOON

AS THE CAB ACTS, WORLD AIRWAYS CAN COME TO MEXICO.

3. ON AIR NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERAL, CENDEJAS ANNOUNCED MEXICO WILL INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS ON AGREEMENT WITH PANAMA THE END OF JUNE, CONTINUE TALKS WITH THE USG THEREAFTER ON A NEW ACCORD, AND SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH CANADA IN LATE AUGUST.

4. CENDEJAS' TIMETABLE FOR TALKS WITH THE U.S. APPEARS TO BE EARLIER THAN THAT PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON THE SCHEDULING OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MEXICANS. THOMPSON

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